

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	09/24/14
BOARD MEETING	10/07/14
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Approval to expend funds to host and conduct the Fifteenth Annual Mental Health Commission Profiles of Hope, Volunteer, and Program Recognition Awards, to be held on October 23, 2014, at the Catalina Seafood, Inc., and to purchase lunch for the Mental Health Commission full meetings on an ongoing basis.
PROGRAM	The Commission's Annual Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards recognizes and honors outstanding members of the mental health community. Mental Health Commission Meetings are public forums for consumers and families to understand the type of mental health services offered throughout Los Angeles County and how services can support their recovery from mental illness.
DEADLINES	None
COST & FUNDING	The estimated total cost of the conference is not to exceed \$15,000, which includes \$11,000 for catering services and site technical support, \$2,250 for awards and other costs, \$1,000 for invitation and postage, and \$750 for keynotes and other speakers. The estimated total cost to purchase lunch for the Commission full meetings is \$6,600 annually. The costs for the Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards and for the purchase of lunch for the Commission full meetings are fully funded by 2011 sales tax realignment and included in DMH's Fiscal Year 2014-15 Adopted Budget. Funding to purchase lunch for Commission full meetings for future fiscal years will be requested during the annual budget request process. There is no net County cost impact associated with these actions.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the recommended actions will enable the Mental Health Commission to host the Fifteenth Annual Profiles of Hope, Volunteer, and Program Recognition Awards to be held on October 23, 2014, at the Catalina Seafood, Inc. and will enable the Mental Health Commission to purchase lunch for its Commission full meetings on an ongoing basis.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; and prior accomplishments.)	<p>Since 2003, DMH and the Commission have sponsored an annual Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards. This event unites clients and family members, and community representatives. It is also an opportunity for mental health agencies to acknowledge volunteers, who increased value in clients' lives.</p> <p>Catering services are needed for both the awards ceremony and also the monthly Commission full meetings because many of the consumers and students attending the program do not have the financial resources to pay for food.</p> <p>Both events also provide an opportunity for consumers to network and share personal resources.</p>
DEPT CONTACT	Director: Marvin J. Southard - (213)738-4601, msouthard@dmh.lacounty.gov County Counsel: Jason Carnevale-(213)974-1827, jcarnevale@counsel.lacounty.gov